

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS (1-24)

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A handheld computer comprising:  
a processor module comprising a processor and a display;  
a sliding display cover moveably coupled to said processor module;  
a sensing device coupled to said processor module and to said sliding display cover for providing [[a]] geometric information indicating [[the]] a relative position of said processor module with respect to said sliding display cover, wherein said geometric information is provided for a plurality of positions; and,  
a device driver for performing an action in response to said signal.

Claim 2 (original): The handheld computer of Claim 1, wherein said action is a visual configuration of said display.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The handheld computer of Claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said action is [[the]] an initiation of communication with another device using said wireless transmitter.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): The handheld computer of Claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said action is [[the]] an initiation of communication with an external device, using said wireless transmitter.

Claim 5 (original): The handheld computer of Claim 1, wherein said sensing device is a non-contact sensor device.

Claim 6 (original): The handheld computer of Claim 1, wherein said display is a touch panel display forming a part of said sensing device.

Claim 7 (original): The handheld computer of Claim 1, wherein said sliding cover comprises an input device coupled to said processor module.

Claim 8 (original): A method of selecting an option in an electronic device comprising a processor module and a sliding cover, said method comprising:

a) displaying information on a display screen of said processor module;

b) positioning an edge of said sliding cover adjacent to a portion of said information on said display screen by sliding said sliding cover relative to said display screen;

c) activating a selection device of said electronic device;  
and

d) invoking an action of said electronic device related to said portion of said information.

Claim 9 (original): A method as described in Claim 8 further comprising generating a position signal corresponding to a position of said sliding cover relative to said display screen.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said action is ~~[[the]]~~an execution of an application program.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said action is ~~[[the]]~~a display of related additional information to said portion of said information.

Claim 12 (original): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said selection device is a key.

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Claim 13 (original): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover comprises a keyboard.

Claim 14 (original): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover further comprises a microphone.

Claim 15 (original): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover further comprises a speaker.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A computer readable medium containing executable instructions which, when executed in a handheld computer comprising a display, causes the handheld computer to configure ~~[[the]]~~a visual output of the display, comprising instructions for:

sensing ~~[[the]]~~a relative position of ~~[[said]]~~a sliding cover and ~~[[said]]~~a processor module, wherein said relative position is a partially closed position;

generating ~~[[a]]~~said visual output on said display, wherein said visual output comprises visual objects arranged to be viewable in response to said relative position.

Claim 17 (original): The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for initiating an application by said processor module.

Claim 18 (original): The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for initiating communication with an external device.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for altering said visual output in response to [[said]] a signal.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The computer readable medium of Claim 16, wherein said instructions are for [[the]] a rearrangement of a previously displayed visual object.

Claims 21-24 (canceled)

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